

Religion: March 23 - 27

Monday: Jesus Heals a Blind Man

Theme: Glorifying God in every situation.

Object: A Hymnal

Scripture: John 9:1-13

Music has always been an important part of my life. I love all kinds of music, but the music I love the most is the music that we sing about Jesus. I have a hymnal this morning and I have marked a few of the hymns that are among my favorites.

Here is one of my favorites, "To God Be the Glory." What a great hymn of praise to God. Here is another that has always been a favorite of mine, "All the Way My Savior Leads Me." It tells about how Jesus leads us through the difficult times in our life. Oh! This is one song that is definitely on my list of all-time favorites, "Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine." Did you know that all of these favorites that I have named this morning have something in common? They were all written by the same person. In fact, there are many hymns in our hymnal written by that person. Her name was Fanny Crosby.

When Fanny was six weeks old, she had an eye infection. Her regular doctor was out of town, and a man posing as a doctor gave her the wrong treatment. Within a few days, she was blind. If that happened to me, I am afraid I would be very bitter and I would probably spend a lifetime feeling sorry for myself. Fanny was never bitter and she never felt sorry for herself. When she was only eight years old, she wrote this poem:

Oh, what a happy child I am,
Although I can not see.
I am resolved that in this world,
Contented I will be.
How many blessings I enjoy
That other people don't.
To weep and sigh because I'm blind,
I cannot and I won't!

Instead of being bitter and feeling sorry for herself, Fanny used the gifts that God had given her to write over 8,000 hymns and poems to praise and glorify God.

One day Jesus was walking with his disciples when they passed by a blind man. When they saw him, the disciples asked Jesus who was to blame for the man's blindness. Was it because of his sin or was it because of his parent's sins? Jesus answered them and told them that no one was to blame, he was blind so that God's works could be shown in him. Then Jesus healed the man and the people praised and glorified God for his goodness.

What about Fanny Crosby? God didn't heal her blindness. Perhaps if God had healed her, she might never have written all of those beautiful hymns -- and the world would never have heard of Fanny Crosby. She used the tragedy of her blindness to glorify God. I pray that tragedy will never come into your life, but if it does, remember that everything that happens can be used to praise and glorify God!

Prayer: Dear Lord, the difficulties in our life seem small when compared to what others may be facing. Help us not to grumble and complain, but to praise and glorify you in every situation. Amen.

Tuesday: Materials: Promise Magazine “Jesus Invites Us to See and Believe”, computer and scissors

Page 1: Ask the children to locate 1 bed, 2 children, 3 books, 4 pictures (not in books), 5 bears, 6 shoes, 7 balls, 8 train cars, 9 hats and 10 crayons. Ask child what does he think it feels like to be blind?

Page 2: Watch the video title “Jesus Heals a Blind Man”

<https://safeYouTube.net/w/trN2>

Student will retell the story using the pictures on pg. 2.

Ask: How do you think the Blind Man felt about not seeing? Who do you think he would like to see most? Why does the man start to believe in Jesus?

Page 4: Student will cut out the faces along the black line and use their sense of sight to match the faces.

Flip the faces over and read the closing prayer that is on the back.

Wednesday: March 25th: Feast of the Annunciation

Watch the video found at: <https://safeYouTube.net/w/6VW2>

Print out the Annunciation booklet: students will color, cut and create booklet [Feast of the Annunciation](#)

I added an *Annunciation Song* in Links. Enjoy!

Thursday: Materials Needed: [We Believe](#): Chapter 20 – Lent, pencil and crayons

Objective: Students will understand that Lent is the special time when the Church prays and cares for others

- Parent will read through the chapter about what we do during Lent and help student to understand that Jesus wants us to live as he did
- Students share how they can live like Jesus.
- Students will draw and write how they live like Jesus.

Friday: Every Friday pray a decade of the rosary:

One "Our Father": *Our Father, Who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy Will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.*

Ten "Hail Marys: *Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of death. Amen.*

One "Glory Be To The Father" :*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

